



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. It's a special time to pause and reflect on the real reason and true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world. In this Sunday's Gospel, the Master represents Jesus and the servants represent us. The message from the Gospel is very clear: we are to 'stay awake!'. A little extra daily prayer through Advent is a great way to this – to be alert to Jesus' presence around us. Prayer brings us not only closer to God but also closer to one another. Make a great start to Advent, enjoying a special Prayer & Share time together, discussing this Sunday's Gospel. Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Long

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th December - Christmas Tree lighting 2.30pm all welcome.

Tuesday 5th December 9am-10am Open Morning. All welcome – pre-booked only.

Thursday 7th December 8.40am – 9.10am EYFS & KS1 parents reading

Thursday 7th December Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner day

Friday 8th December EYFS & KS1 Albany Theatre trip

Monday 11th December 3.30pm-6.30pm Christmas Disco Bash

Monday 11th December Y5 cycling proficiency all week.

Tuesday 12th December 9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Thursday 14th December 8.40am-9.10am KS2 parents reading

Thursday 14th December KS2 Nativity in church 2pm

Friday 15th December 3.30pm-5pm Christmas Fair

Tuesday 19th December 2023 3.30pm-5pm St Joseph's Talent Show.

Thursday 21st December class parties

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term School finishes 2pm



Christmas Bundle £5.00

Designed by your child especially for you!

9 x Christmas Tags

3 x A3 Sheets Christmas Wrapping Paper

6 x Christmas Cards

Please order via ParentPay



This Week

Adrian – YR

Enzo – Y2

Eva – Y6



Christmas Jumper Day

Reminder Thursday 7th December Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day. Children should wear school uniform but swap sweatshirt for Christmas jumper.

Christmas Fair



Our annual Christmas Fair will take place Friday 15th December. To make this a success we need your help. If you are having a clear out ready for Christmas and would like to help, please kindly donate any good quality toys, books or puzzles to enable other children to enjoy them. Please donate them.





School success starts
with attendance

As a school we aim for pupils to achieve 100% attendance or as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.

While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Keeping attendance above 95% allows pupils to achieve their potential.

Winners last week

Year 5 – 100%

School attendance 92.8%

Rainbow Awards

1st December 2023

Rec – Jibril, Adrian

Year 1 – Isabella, Liam

Year 2 – Phoenix, Xavier

Year 3 – Kevin, Penda

Year 4 – Chiagozie, Maggie

Year 5 – Lara, Adam

Year 6 – Joshua, Alfie

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



After School Football Club

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and now Year 4

If you would like your child to attend please click the link below for more details:



<https://awfootball-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/info/168> If you would like more information please contact Alex on 0777 174 7219

To order your child's school uniform from our online supplier, click [here](#) with free delivery to school.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

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St Joseph's Talent Show
in the School Hall

Talent Show

19.12.2023
3:30pm

Tickets: Spectator Tickets £1
Participants receive one guest ticket.

To order your Talent Show tickets on
www.parentpay.com

Merry Christmas

MAINS

Roast Turkey OR
Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

SIDES

Roast Potatoes
Cocktail Sausage
Stuffing & Gravy
Carrots & Broccoli

DESSERT

Christmas Biscuit and Ice Cream
or
Chocolate Cake and Custard

Merry Christmas

*Join our festive
celebrations on*

7th December 2023

Information

Holiday Food and Fun is back offering free activities for young people this Christmas.

Free holiday club places are available for children aged 4-16 and who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Find a list of participating holiday clubs on our website and book a place directly with them.

[Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun](https://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun)

As every primary child is currently receiving free school meals thanks to the Mayor of London, parents should double check their eligibility in case they are missing out on extra support.

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Information for Early Years

On 27 October 2023 the eligibility checker on childcarechoices.gov.uk, enabling parents to access personalised information on the support available to them, including which of the new transformational childcare offers they will be eligible for depending on the age of their child and earnings.

An additional feature added to the website is a subscribe for updates function, which will give parents the opportunity to sign up for regular newsletters letting them know when they should take action to make sure they are getting the support they are entitled to – including information about wraparound for primary school children and when the new 15 hours for two-year-olds becomes available for sign-ups, with the offer beginning in April 2024.

Thankateacher

The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. If you're feeling shy you can send a card anonymously! <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 3rd December 2023



Jesus said to his disciples, "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you do not know when the end time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad; he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his own task, and orders the doorkeeper to stay awake. So, stay awake - because you do not know when the Master of the house is coming; it may be evening or midnight, cockcrow or dawn. If he comes unexpectedly, he may find you still sleeping. What I am saying to you now, I say to everyone: Stay awake!"

Adapted from Mark 13:33-37
The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in church: all are very warmly invited**



It's the season to know thy neighbour

LIGHT UP THE WAY, GUIDE SANTAS' SLEIGH

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
THE PELTON ROAD
PLAYSTREETS CHRISTMAS EVENT!



JOIN US IN THE PELTON ARMS
SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER @ 12-2PM
FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFTING & TREATS

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE FOR
THE LIGHTS SWITCH ON AT
4PM



FOR MORE INFO: 07832 521 669